

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: Lynn House Inventory Number: WA-I-097
Address: 21212 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Chewsville Zip Code: 21721 County: Washington
USGS Quadrangle(s): Hagerstown
Property Owner: Orville and Sally Lynn Tax Account ID Number: 012545
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 4 Tax Map Number: 51
Project: Chewsville Streetscape Improvements Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company
Preparer's Name: Emma Young Date Prepared: 3/26/2007
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form, WA-I-097, on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description:

The dwelling identified as the "Lynn House" was previously surveyed in 1974 using a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form (WA-I-097, on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland; the name Lynn refers to the property owners at the time of the 1974 survey. The property was not evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the 1974 survey.) This form is to serve as an update and expansion of the 1974 MIHP form.

The Lynn House is located at 21212 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) in Chewsville, Washington County, Maryland. The dwelling occupies a small lot on the north side of Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) and to the south of the Western Maryland Railroad tracks. A paved-asphalt driveway extends north from the east side of the dwelling. A poured-concrete sidewalk borders the south side of the property.

The two-story, three-bay, circa-1818, side-gabled log dwelling exhibits extensive alterations since the 1974 survey. The one-story, full-width front porch has been enclosed with aluminum siding on the east and west elevations, and screens and aluminum siding on

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the south (front) elevation. The interior, brick chimney on the west elevation and the exterior, brick chimney on the east elevation have been removed. The dwelling contains one-over-one light, double-hung sash, vinyl, replacement windows on all elevations. The second story of the south (front) elevation contains two-light, sliding, vinyl, replacement windows. The original wooden trim and sills have been removed from each opening. A one-story, one-bay, shed-roof addition leads to a one-story, one-bay, gabled addition on the rear (north) elevation.

Dense mature shrubs and evergreen bushes line the stone foundation on the south side of the dwelling. Mature evergreen and deciduous trees dot the property to the north, south, and west of the dwelling. The Wetzel House (WA-I-096), located at 21214 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) occupies the lot to the east of the dwelling, and a vacant lot is located to the west.

Overall, the dwelling stands in good condition.

Historical Narrative:

Property History

Physical evidence and deed research indicate that the Lynn House, located along Twin Springs Drive (MD 804), was most likely built by the Hughes family. An 1856 deed for the property mentions that the Hughes Family purchased the land from William Fitzhugh in 1807. Elizabeth Yowler bought 40 perches of land from John Hughes for \$100 in 1856. In 1867, Elizabeth Yowler sold the property to Mary Ann Yowler, wife of Daniel B. Yowler, for \$100.

The 1877 Illustrated Atlas of Washington County notes D.B. Yowler as the owner of the property (Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson 1877: 43).

The heirs of Mary Ann Yowler sold the 40 perches of land to B. Abner Betts in 1897 for \$300. Betts kept the property for only a year, selling the property to Samuel J. Stouffer in 1898 for the same amount.

In 1911, Charles A. Little, trustee of the estate for George M. Stouffer and Ira Stouffer, sold the property at a public sale to George P. Spessard for \$780. The property was kept within the Spessard family until 1937, when the heirs of George P. Spessard sold the property to Herman A. Lewis for ten dollars. At the time of Herman A. Lewis's death, his personal representative, Donald E. Hamburg, sold the property to Henry Holtzman for ten dollars in 1971. Holtzman kept the land until 1973 when he sold it to the current owners, Orville A. Lynn and his wife, Sally J. Lynn, for ten dollars.

Log Dwellings

The Lynn House is an example of an early nineteenth-century log dwelling. McAlester and McAlester note that many early, pre-railroad, log houses are commonly found in rural areas and are well-documented and thoroughly studied (McAlester 2002: 82). The "Middle Tradition," which McAlester and McAlester attribute to the colonies that comprised present-day Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland, consisted largely of Germanic immigrants from heavily wooded areas of central and northern Europe. The settlers utilized local resources, including limestone in areas under laid with stone; brick, in areas of clay and shale; and logs virtually everywhere to construction their buildings. The use of log is indicative of the low cost and availability of "rough forest materials" (Noble 1984: 41). The Germanic immigrants introduced techniques of building with logs hewn square and then placed horizontally to make solid wooden walls. Various systems of carefully interlocking or notching the squared timbers helped to hold the massive structures together.

In the area that included present-day Washington County, Scotch-Irish and English pioneers joined the Germanic settlers and quickly adopted the log building techniques. This group of settlers modified the shape of the three-room, log house into the one-

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room deep linear plan with external chimney(s) that dominated the region (McAlester 2002: 82). Examples of early log architecture and German architectural influences are represented throughout Washington County, although many, such as the Lynn House, have been re-clad in brick, wood, aluminum, and vinyl siding.

Significance Evaluation:

The Lynn House, located at 21212 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) in Chewsville, Washington County, Maryland, is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The dwelling represents a common architectural form found throughout Washington County and Maryland.

According to the National Register of Historic Places guidelines established by the National Park Service, the quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, site, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. that are associated with lives of significant persons in our past;
- C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction; or
- D. that have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (National Park Service 1997).

The Lynn House, located at 21212 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The dwelling is not associated with any events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.

The Lynn House is not eligible under Criterion B because it has no known association with the lives of individuals of historical importance. Although the individuals who owned and inhabited the property were of families that contributed to the development of the area, the persons who lived in the house were not directly involved in any significant events or trends.

The Lynn House is not eligible under Criterion C because the dwelling does not possess the architectural distinctiveness necessary to qualify it for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The log dwelling, clad in replacement, exterior siding, represents a common architectural form found throughout Washington County and Maryland. The Lynn House is not an exceptional or representative example of its form. The dwelling does not represent the work of a master nor does it possess high artistic values.

The property was not evaluated for eligibility under Criterion D as part of the architectural survey and evaluation.

The Lynn House possesses integrity of setting and location, retaining its location amongst early- and mid-nineteenth-century dwellings on the north side of Twin Springs Drive (MD 804), adjacent to the roadway. The dwelling no longer retains integrity of design because the rear additions create a rectangular footprint instead of the original, square form. The dwelling exhibits replacement exterior siding and windows, the front porch has been highly altered, and the chimneys have been removed, all of which compromise integrity of materials and workmanship. The lack of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship culminates in the loss of integrity of association and feeling. Therefore, the Lynn House does not contain sufficient integrity from the period of construction (circa 1818) to deem it eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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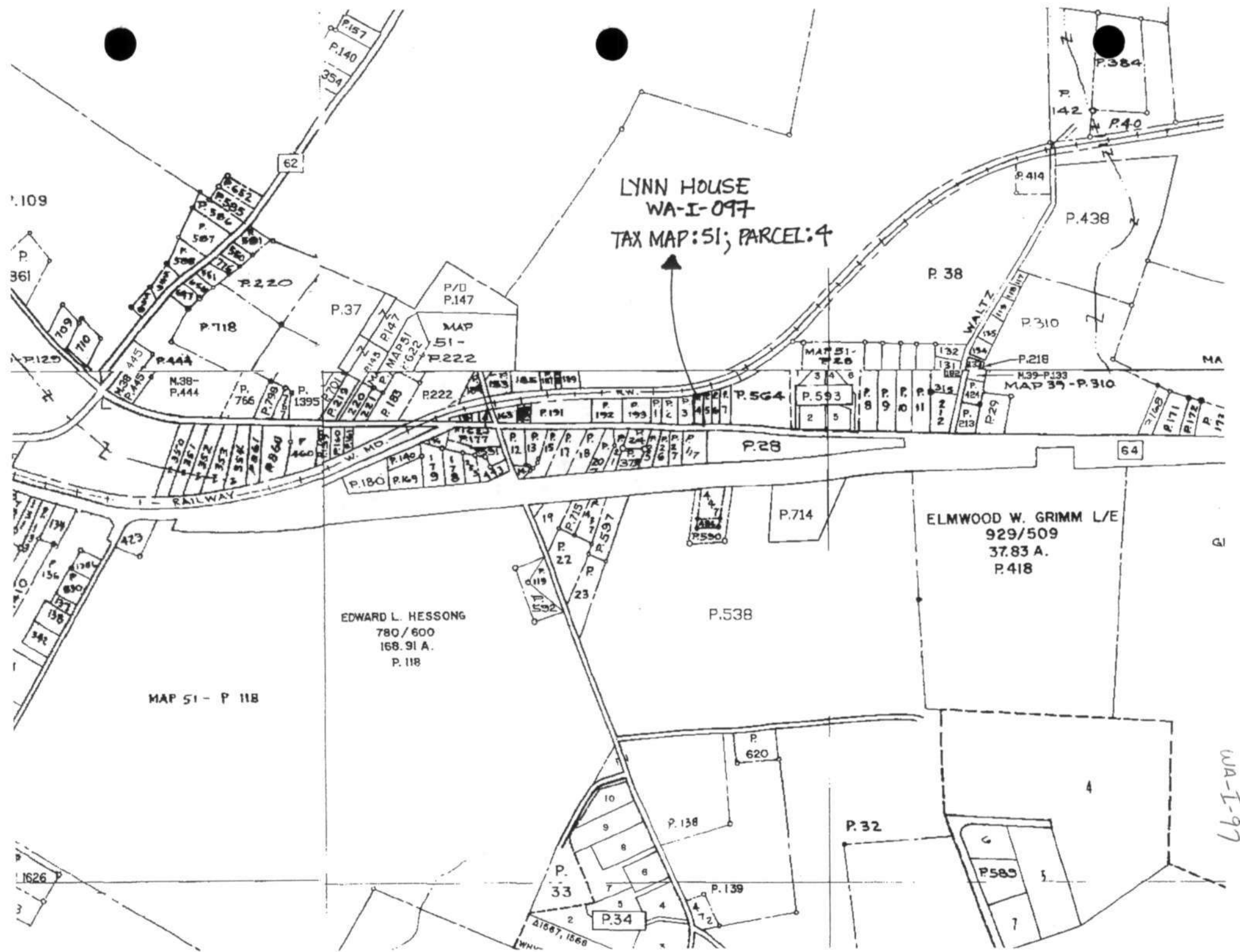
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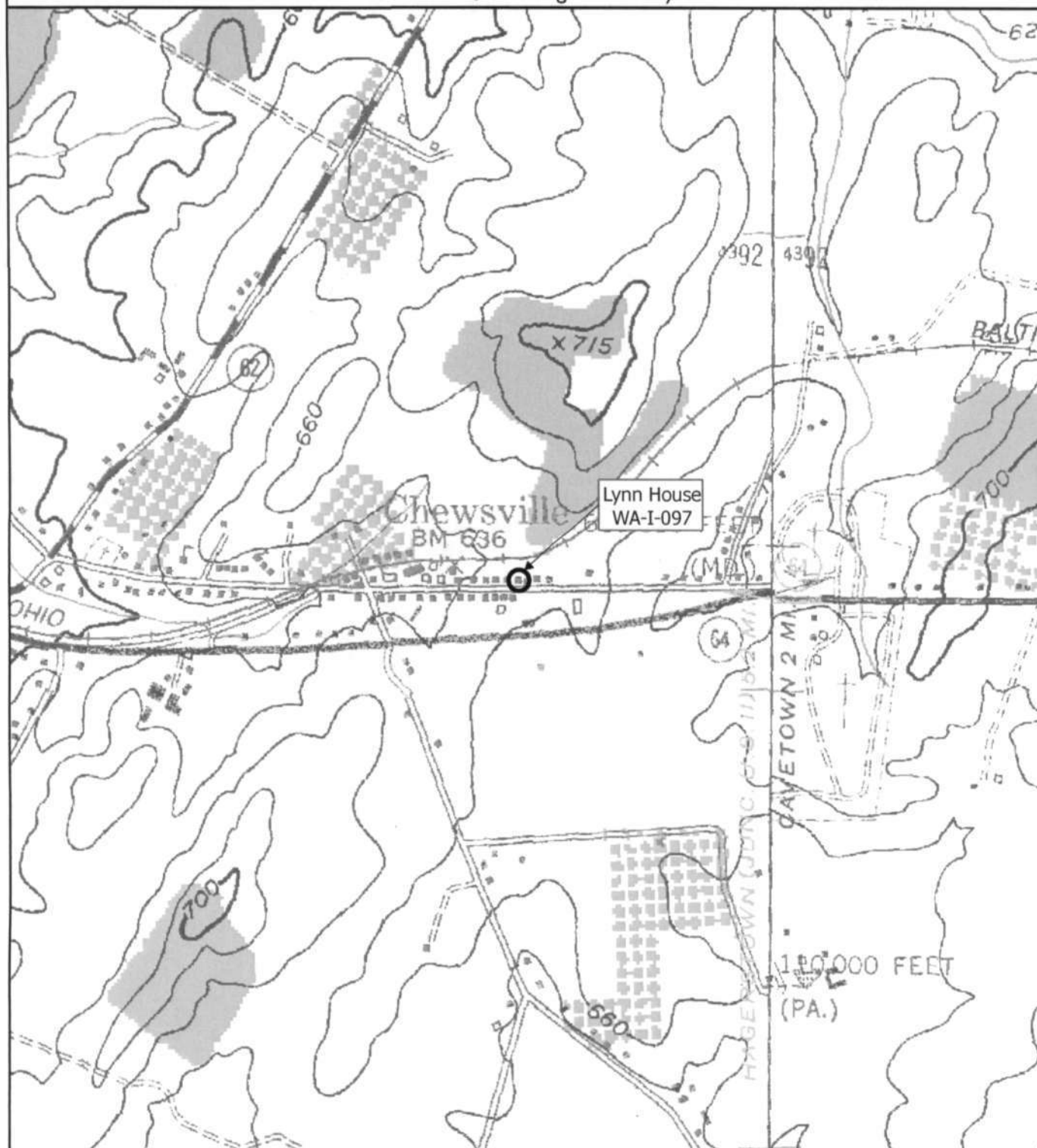
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Chewsville, Washington County



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South & West elevations; view to northeast

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South & east elevations; view to northwest

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NOMINATION FORM
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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| 1. NAME | | | | |
| COMMON: The Lynn House | | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: | | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: north side, Main Street, MD 804 | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Chesville | | | | |
| STATE Maryland | | COUNTY: Washington | | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: Orville A. Lynn | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Route 2, Box 262 | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Smithsburg | | STATE: Maryland | | |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown | | STATE: Maryland | | |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 556/381 | | | | |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | | |
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7. DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the north side of old Route 64, Main Street, in Chewsville, Md. It is situated toward the east end of the village and faces south.

The structure is a three-bay, one-and-a-half story log dwelling sheathed with white weather-boarding. Wood trim has been painted dark green.

The walls are set on very low stone foundations. The original log construction has been covered with coved board siding. Windows have been spaced at random in the walls. Those at the first story level contain two-over-two pane double-hung sashes. The openings are trimmed with turn-of-the-century period architraves. The wider upper story windows have double horizontal sashes.

The main entrance is located east of the center of the front elevation, between the windows. It is quite simple in appearance and is similar to the windows. The entranceway does not include a transom.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. A brick exterior chimney is located at the east gable end. An inside end chimney, also of brick is located at the opposite gable wall.

A one-story roofed porch extends along the front elevation. It is supported by chamfered square posts.

The house is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing .25 acre.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. It is also worthy of note for its supposed association with the Fitzhugh family, prominent early residents of Washington County who owned a large tract of land north of Chewsville.

As an example of a log building, this house is representative of a major architectural group in Washington County. Log was used as a building material in the area from the earliest days of settlement through the 19th century. Many of these log buildings remain in use today, sheathed by various forms of siding or bricks. The late 19th century or early 20th century alterations are themselves significant reflecting the then current means of refurbishing buildings.

This house and a neighboring structure (WA-I-096) have been traditionally associated with the Fitzhugh family who owned hundreds of acres in the Chewsville area. The two small houses in Chewsville are said to have been secondary dwellings on the property. Colonel William Fitzhugh, a veteran of the American Revolution, came to Washington County late in the 18th century and resided at "The Hive" (WA-I-053) near Chewsville. In 1810, he moved to the Genesee Valley of New York with Nathaniel Rochester and Major Charles Carrol. Nathaniel Rochester founded the city of Rochester, New York.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .25 acre

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

October, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:

Court House Annex

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STATE

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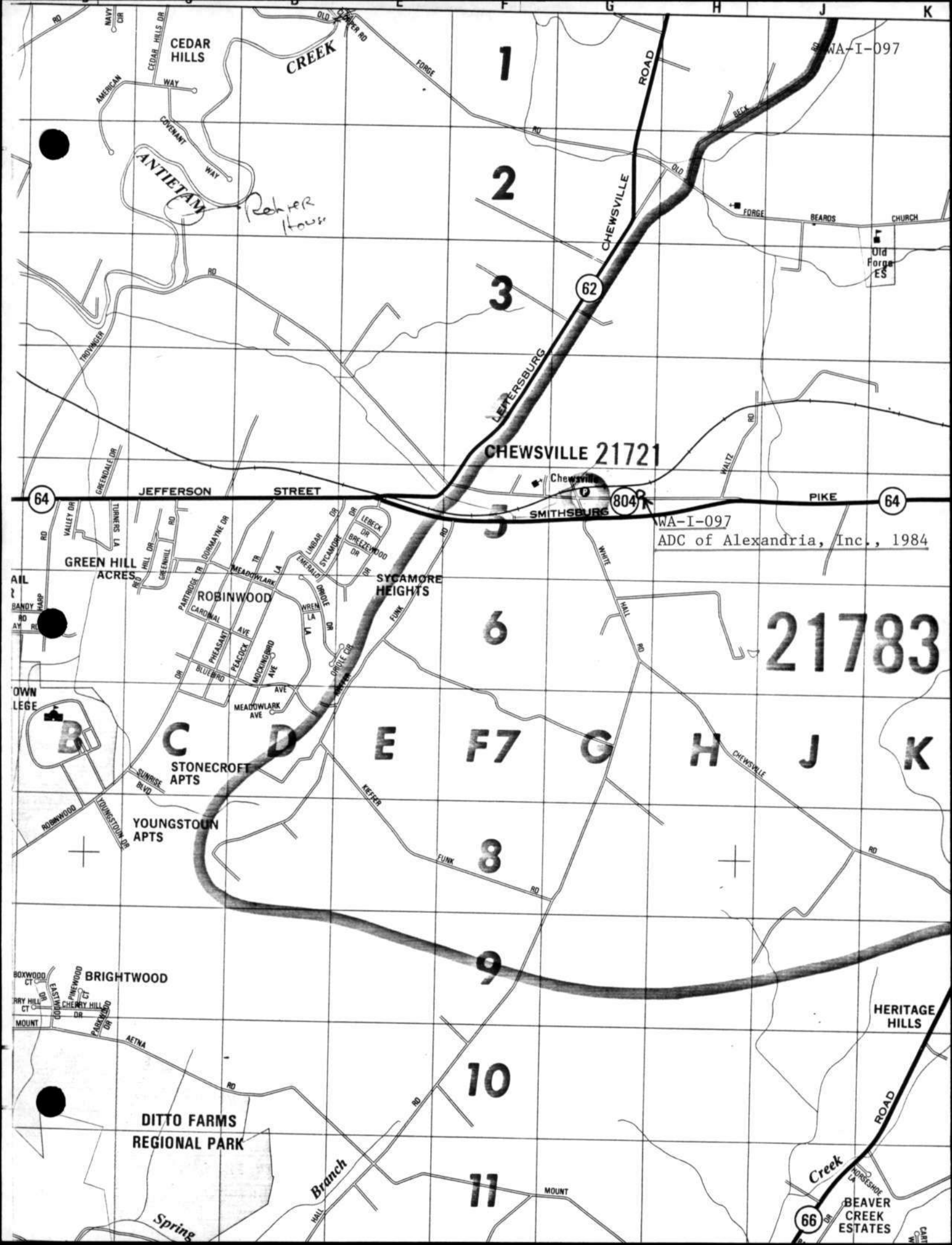
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State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

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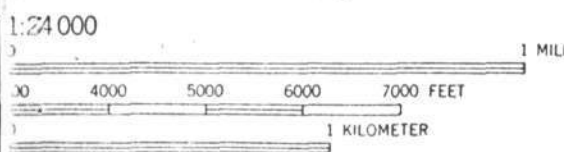
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| Medium-duty | 4 LANE 6 LANE | Unimproved dirt |

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